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FROM VATICAN OFFICE

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SUBJECT: VATICAN FOREIGN MINISTER CASAROLI'S VISIT TO U.S.

1. FOLLOWING IS SCHEDULE IN NEW YORK FOR VATICAN FOREIGN
MINISTER ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

17:30 (LOCAL) ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK VIA ALITALIA
FLIGHT NO. 610

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

18:00 CELEBRATION OF WORLD PEACE DAY AT
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, FOLLOWED BY
RECEPTION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

13:00 LUNCHEON HOSTED BY UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM

16:30 MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF

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CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
TO THE UN

19:00 DINNER HOSTED BY CARDINAL COOKE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

10:30 MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE

13:00 LUNCHEON WITH HIGH UN OFFICIALS

16:30 INTERVIEW WITH DR. ROBERT MULLER
(UN PUBLIC AFFAIRS)

19:00 DINNER WITH AMBASSADORS OF ITALY,
SPAIN, US, AND OTHERS.

2. CASAROLI, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS ASSISTANT, FATHER JOHN
BUKOVSKI, PLANS TO DEPART NEW YORK FOR WASHINGTON ON THE
MORNING OF JANUARY 25. THEY PLAN TO DEPART FOR ROME ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, FOLLOWING A LUNCHEON WITH SOME 30 UN
AMBASSADORS AT THE METROPOLITAN CLUB.

3. SINCE PROGRAM AS GIVEN TO US BY VATICAN INDICATES THAT
AMBASSADOR YOUNG MAY PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS WHERE ONSIGNOR
CASAROLI WILL BE PRESENT, THE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH
MAY BE OF INTEREST TO HIM.

ARCHBISHOP AGOSTINO CASAROLI IS THE VATICAN FOREIGN
MINISTER WITH FORMAL TITLE: SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL
OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH. HE IS ADDRESSED AS
"YOUR EXCELLENCY." HE WAS BORN NEAR PIACENZA ON
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NOVEMBER 24, 1914. HE WAS ORDAINED ON MAY 27, 1937
AND WAS CONSECRATED AS BISHOP ON JULY 16, 1967. HE
IS VERY CLOSE COLLABORATOR OF POPE PAUL VI. HE BECAME
FOREIGN MINISTER ON AUGUST 15, 1967 WHEN THE
COUNCIL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH WAS
CREATED. HE HAS BEEN THE ARCHITECT OF THE
VATICAN'S OSTPOLITIK AND REPRESENTED THE HOLY SEE AT THE
HELSINKI CONFERENCE IN JULY, 1975. HE ALSO HAS BEEN
RESPONSIBLE FOR MODERNIZING THE CONCORDATS WITH SPAIN
AND PORTUGAL AND CURRENTLY IS NEGOTIATING AN UP-
DATING OF THE ITALIAN CONCORDAT TO BRING IT INTO LINE WITH
THE PRECEPTS OF VATICAN COUNCIL II. IN ADDITION, TO
HIS FUNCTIONS IN THE COUNCIL, HE PARTICIPATES IN THE
WORK OF SUCH IMPORTANT VATICAN MINISTRIES AS THE
CONGREGATION OF THE FAITH, THE CONGREGATION OF
BISHOPS, AND THE COMMISSION FOR THE REVISION OF
CANON LAW. HE SPEAKS AND UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH WELL.
HE ALSO SPEAKS FRENCH AND SPANISH IN ADDITION TO
ITALIAN. GARDNER

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